

should allow us to vote on and pass a long-term transportation bill, for example. The proposal before us will result in short term job gains in some areas, but the tradeoff is a continued reliance on an outdated, dirty energy source.

There is a long list of important legislation awaiting consideration by this Congress that will support new jobs, including the National Infrastructure Development Bank Act, the Bring Jobs Home Act, the Make it in America Manufacturing Act, and legislation to extend tax provisions that lead to the construction of clean energy projects. I have no doubt we can find consensus on these and other policies that will increase American competitiveness and put our constituents back to work, but the bill I opposed today is not the approach we should be taking.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this bill so we can work together to create new economic opportunities for our constituents.

#### CONGRATULATING THE FATIMA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

#### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 14, 2014*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Fatima High School Girls Cross Country Team for winning the Class 2 Missouri State Championship.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Fatima Comets for a job well done.

#### GREAT LAKES MARITIME HERITAGE ASSESSMENT ACT

#### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 14, 2014*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Assessment Act, an important bill to promote and preserve the sunken treasures of the Great Lakes.

The rich maritime history of the Great Lakes is an integral part of the American narrative. Millions of immigrants who settled the region and started America's westward expansion arrived on Great Lakes steamboats. As cities grew, Great Lakes ships and barges carried the timber, coal, and ore that fueled America's industrial might. One of America's first great naval victories, the Battle of Lake Erie, was won on the Great Lakes. Today, much of this heritage remains, beneath the waters of the Great Lakes.

Despite thousands of shipwrecks throughout the Great Lakes, the Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary is the only designated sanctuary in the lakes. Located in Lake Huron, off the coast of Alpena, Michigan, Thunder Bay Sanctuary has been a major economic driver for the area, spurring tourism, research, and educational opportunities. We can build on the success of Thunder Bay by establishing additional sanctuaries across the Great Lakes.

This bill would direct the Administrator of NOAA to identify underwater areas throughout

the Great Lakes that possess significant historical and archaeological resources and recommend whether they should be designated as National Marine Sanctuaries.

Preserving the cultural legacy of our region is an important component of caring for our Great Lakes, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to achieve this goal.

#### IN MEMORY OF BETTY FRANCIS DENT

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 14, 2014*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Betty Francis Dent died on Monday, November 10, 2014, at the age of 82. Funeral services will be held at Shortess Chapel on November 15, 2014, in Columbia, South Carolina. Betty Dent was a member of the board of trustees for both Columbia International University for 14 years and Ben Lippen School for seven years. Mrs. Dent was the wife of the late, Harry Shuler Dent, Sr., the legendary visionary who helped establish a two-party system in South Carolina producing a Republican majority.

Her obituary, published on Columbia International University's website contained this tribute:

#### BETTY FRANCIS DENT

Betty Dent, a former member of the Columbia International University Board of Trustees and a longtime supporter of CIU, passed away in West Columbia, South Carolina on Nov. 10. She was 82.

Betty supported her husband, the late Harry Dent Sr. as he served in numerous leadership positions in state and federal government, including service in the White House under President Richard Nixon and as an advisor to Presidents Jerry Ford and George H.W. Bush.

In the mid-1970s, Betty served on the S.C. Mental Health Advisory Board and was recognized as one of the Ten Most Outstanding Women in Columbia.

Betty and Harry served together in ministry, founding Laity Alive and Serving in 1985, through which they coordinated mission trips around the world, especially to Romania. Betty also coordinated Market Place Bible Studies and assisted Harry when he was chairman of the Billy Graham Crusade in Columbia. In 1992, Betty and Harry wrote "Right Versus Wrong: Solutions to the American Nightmare," detailing stories of their upbringing in dysfunctional and alcoholic homes.

Betty Dent's memorial service will be celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 3:30 p.m. at the place she loved most: Columbia International University. Visitation will begin at 2:00. Both the visitation and memorial service will be in Shortess Chapel.

#### CONGRATULATING THE FATIMA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

#### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 14, 2014*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in con-

gratulating the Fatima High School Girls Softball Team for winning the Class 2 Missouri State Championship.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Fatima Comets for a job well done.

#### ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

#### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 14, 2014*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark an important anniversary. In two days, the Daughters of Penelope, an international woman's organization and affiliate organization of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), will celebrate its 85th anniversary on November 16. Founded in San Francisco, the Daughters of Penelope originally worked to improve the status and well-being of women and their families. They also sought to provide women with the opportunity to make significant contributions to their communities and country. After successfully achieving many of their early goals, the Daughters of Penelope now promote the ideals of ancient Greece: philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, and family and individual excellence, achieved through community service and volunteerism.

I am a proud Greek-American. As a young boy, my grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles instilled in me an appreciation for our beautiful Greek culture, which focuses on family, community, and faith. As Co-Chairman of the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues, it is with great pride that I see these values shine through the Daughters of Penelope today, across all of its 250 chapters worldwide. Through the exceptional Penelope House in Mobile, Alabama and Penelope's Place in Brockton, Massachusetts, the organization vigorously supports efforts to combat domestic violence in Greece as well as the United States. The development of these shelters brought renewed hope to many areas with suffering families who previously did not have access to the same level of care.

As a member of the Congressional Cancer Caucus, I am impressed with the organization's efforts to provide financial support and raise awareness for medical research on treatments for breast cancer, Thalassemia (Cooley's anemia), muscular dystrophy, and Alzheimer's disease. The Daughters of Penelope are also a leading sponsor of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 202 Housing for the Elderly Program, which offers affordable housing to senior citizens in Alabama, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota and Texas.

In addition to helping the elderly, the Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc., supports the educational objectives of the Daughters of Penelope by providing tens of thousands of dollars annually for scholarships, sponsoring educational seminars, and donating children's books to schools, shelters and churches through the "Penelope's Books" program. Last year, the organization worked with our Hellenic Caucus and the Embassy of Greece to promote the health related benefits of eating a "Healthy Greek Diet" here in Washington, D.C. After eighty-five meaningful and productive years, it excites me to see what the